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PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1994

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments to be Moved on Behalf of the Government

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy,
Senator the Hon Bob Collins)



**AMENDMENTS TO THE PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1994**

GENERAL OUTLINE

1. The proposed amendments to the Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1994 correct technical errors in section 159 of the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994.
2. The amendments will enable the National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (NRA) to require the chemical industry to provide certain information. The information would be for the purpose of the NRA reconsidering approvals or registrations, and decisions concerning suspension or cancellation. The information will be protected from commercial exploitation in accordance with section 59.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

3. The amendments will have no impact on Government expenditure and will not have any staffing implications for the National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals.

NOTES ON SUPPLEMENTARY CLAUSES**PART 1 - PRELIMINARY****Clause 1A - Commencement**

4. This clause provides for amendments made by this Act to the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994 to commence, or are taken to have commenced, on the same day as that Act commences.

SCHEDULE 1**AMENDMENTS TO ACT*****Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994*****Paragraph 159(1)(e)**

5. This paragraph is amended to include information requested by the National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (NRA) in respect of paragraphs 159(1)(c) and 159(1)(d), i.e. reconsiderations and decisions respectively. In particular information provided to the NRA in accordance with paragraph 159(1)(e) and concerning paragraphs 159(1)(c) and 159(1)(d) will now be commercially protected in accordance with the provisions of section 59.

Subsection 159(3)

6. This subsection is amended to make it clear that subsection 159(3) only applies to applications referred to in paragraphs 159(1)(a) and 159(1)(b).

